



**KENT GROUP**

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To see what events the Group is hosting or attending scan or click on the following QR Code to visit the Events Diary on the website:



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## UPCOMING G SCALE EVENTS IN KENT

The LB&L Line Layout will be attending the Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society (GRES) Family open day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at the Higham Memorial Hall, Rochester School Lane, Higham, Kent ME3 7JL. Open 10:00AM – 4:00PM. This event is open to all £3 per Adult and up to 2 Children, £5 Family ticket (2 Adults and up to 3 Children).

The next outing for the groups new layout will be at the Chatham Dockyard Model Railway over the weekend 18<sup>th</sup> & 19 July 2026 along with over 60 other layouts, societies and traders. The event within the historic dockyard is one of the largest model railway shows in the South East of England celebrating all things model railways and model engineering. More work on the layout has been carried out to the layout improving its appearance from when it was at Tenterden Station on the Kent & East Sussex Railway over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. The Chatham event is at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham ME4 4TZ.

## KENT GROUP OUTING TO THE K&ESR

The Group attended the Kent & East Sussex Railway over all four days of the Easter Bank Holiday weekend located within the events marquee at Tenterden Station. Over the course of the four days hundreds of visitors passed through the marquee and the railway was very pleased with the how our presence went down with their visitors and volunteers alike and have been asked to return at a future time. The opportunity was also used carry out improvements to the still to be named layout. There was also a mini modular layout present and displays although one of the Society pop up banners was damaged by the wind as was located outside the marquee.



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## JOINT RUNNING DAY AND BBQ – SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026

Members and their families were invited to a joint running day and BBQ with the East Sussex Group at their Redcoats site on Saturday 23 May 2026 with the site being open 10am – 4pm with the BBQ being laid on. The Kent Posse consisted of 9 members and partners. We thank the East Sussex group for hosting the event and making those who attended very welcome.



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## **CHARITY OPEN GARDEN AND GARDEN RAILWAY EVENT**

Jason Workman & Ruby will again this year be opening their garden with garden railway up to members of the general public to raise money for a local hospice as with previous years. This years dates are Sunday 26th July and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 between 2-5PM. They live in the Bromley area.

If you are interested and wish to go along to see their garden, garden railway and telephone memorabilia please contact Jason by email [jjwayle@googlemail.com](mailto:jjwayle@googlemail.com)

## **KENT GROUP ATTENDING EVENTS**

The following events are where the group will be attending with the groups layout unless otherwise indicated. Details are correct at time of publication:

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Sat 19 Jul 26	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-5:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 20 Jul 26	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-4:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 22 Nov 26	Dover Model Show	TBC	Dover Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall)
Tue 29 Dec 26	Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition	10:00-4:00	Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8LW
Wed 30 Dec 26	Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition	10:00-4:00	Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8LW
Sun 31 Jan 27	Winter Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU
Sat 27 Mar 27	Dover Model Show	TBC	Dover Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall)

Other events are in the planning stages and confirmation is still awaited. This includes the Groups Autumn indoor meet is pending confirmation that the venue will be available.

## **KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS**

At the time of publishing this newsletter there is only one Garden Running day advertised on the website ([gscalekent.co.uk/events\\_diary.htm](http://gscalekent.co.uk/events_diary.htm)). There will be those arranged between members which have been good to share our hobby across the county and further afield.

If you are planning on hosting an event why not open it up to all members, it is your layout and you decree numbers attending and what is ran on your layout. The committee can potentially assist you in a number of ways to host and run the event. Please let Wayne know so the website can be updated [eventsqscale@gmail.com](mailto:eventsqscale@gmail.com)

Members have announced and chatted on the Groups private Facebook Page regarding short notice running days so may be worth you joining the groups page if interested.



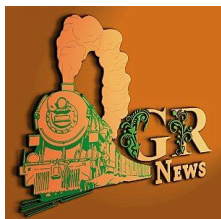
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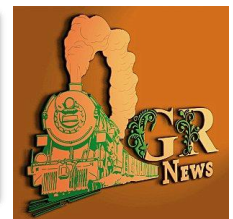
## UPCOMING KNOWN OTHER NEIGHBOURING AREA GROUP EVENTS

The following events are correct at time of publication with information provided:

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Mon 01 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 10 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 20 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 29 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 08 Jul 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 18 Jul 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 27 Jul 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 05 Aug 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 24 Aug 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 02 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 12 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 21 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 30 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 10 Oct 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 19 Oct 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 28 Oct 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3



## Garden Railroading News



The final GR News which has been a **FREE** Bi-Monthly Digital magazine produced by Garden Railroaders for Garden Railroaders is coming to the end of line in its current form. It will be continuing as a "How to-do" articles. Click on the logos above which are links to:

[www.grnews.org](http://www.grnews.org)



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## KENTISH G SCALE RETAILERS – NEW & PRE-LOVED

The editor is aware of the following establishments that sell G Scale items new and/or old within Kent, which appear on the weblink page of the website, however, not everyone is aware of them or may know of other outlets that could do with support from a wider audience:

<i>Retailers listed in alphabetical order</i>			
Trader	Address	Telephone No	Website
<b>Chalk Garden Rail</b>	55 Lower Higham Road, Chalk, Gravesend DA12 2NQ	01474 332038	<a href="http://chalkgardenrail.co.uk">chalkgardenrail.co.uk</a>
<b>Dream Steam Ltd</b>	Unit 9 Lake Road Aylesford ME20 7TQ	01622 793700	<a href="http://dreamsteam.co.uk">dreamsteam.co.uk</a>
<b>Kent Model Exchange</b>	12 Broader Court, New Romney TN28 8GN		On ebay as seller: Kentmodelexchange
<b>Southern Scale Models</b>	Online – Ebay Online – Facebook	07999 715887 07875 563507	<a href="http://SouthernScaleModels.co.uk">SouthernScaleModels.co.uk</a>

If you know of a different outlet why not let others know by letting us know so the website can be updated and members reminded periodically through the newsletter. We do not receive payment for this but like to support local businesses where practical and possible.

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**Tuesday 29th December 2026**  
 &  
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 10am - 4pm  
**Admission**  
**Adults £8.00 - Children £2.00**

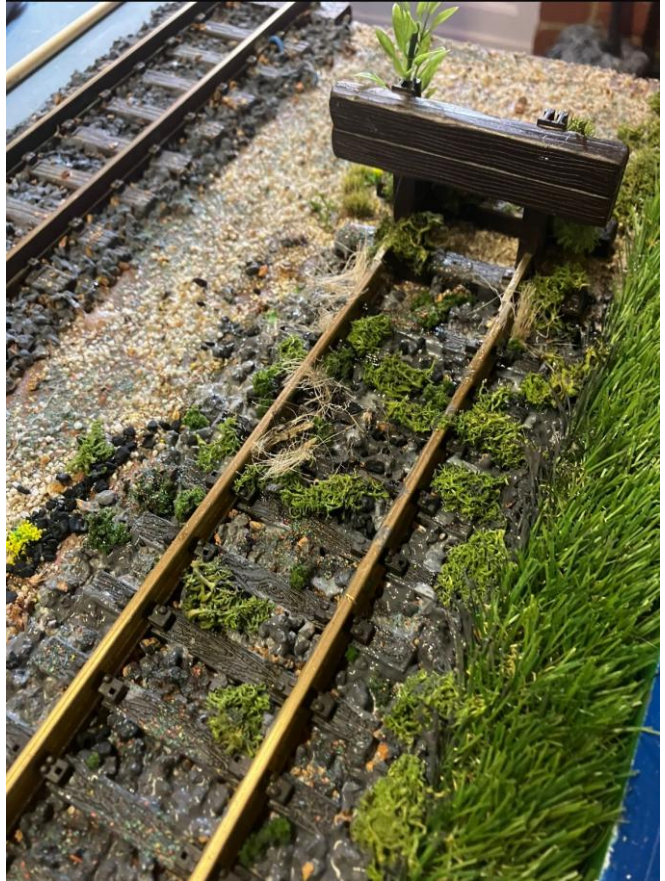


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## PHOTOS OF LAYOUT ENHANCEMENTS SINCE EASTER 2026

The following are some photos of the layouts progress since Easter 2026 at the K&ESR.



Top Left - Before, Top Right – During, Bottom Left – Close up, Bottom Right – End of the line

## PHOTOS OF LAYOUT ENHANCEMENTS SINCE EASTER 2026 – Cont'd

The following are some more photos of the layouts progress since Easter 2026 at the K&ESR.

